



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 311**

**Public Act No. 06-77**

**AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS LUNG  
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND CONCERNING THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD BANK.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (51) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

(NEW) (51) Lung Cancer Awareness Month. The Governor shall proclaim the month of November to be Lung Cancer Awareness Month to heighten public awareness of the fact that lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death of both men and women in the United States. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 19a-32f of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, shall establish an ad hoc committee to examine and evaluate the feasibility of (1) establishing a public umbilical cord blood bank for the purpose of collecting and storing umbilical cord blood and placental tissue donated by maternity patients at hospitals

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licensed in this state, (2) entering into a multistate public umbilical cord collaboration, and (3) developing a public-private partnership with existing umbilical cord blood banks. The committee shall hold its first meeting not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. Other topics may be included at the discretion of either the commissioner or the Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee.

(b) (1) The ad hoc committee shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health and shall consist of the Commissioners of Public Health and Economic and Community Development, or their designees; one member of the Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 19a-32f of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, selected by the Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee; one researcher from a private institution of higher education in the state; one researcher from a public institution of higher education in the state; one representative of an educational and business support network organization for bioscience in the state; one individual who is a member in good standing of the American Association of Blood Banks, with expertise in umbilical cord blood banking and the Food and Drug Administration's federal safety standards for umbilical cord blood banks; one individual with multiple years of experience in establishing, executing and administering an umbilical cord blood registry. The Commissioner of Public Health shall serve as chairperson of the committee.

(2) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee, may expand the membership of the ad hoc committee to include additional members if either decides such expansion would be useful.

(c) On or before January 5, 2007, the Commissioner of Public Health shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, the results of the examination, along with any recommendations, to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly

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having cognizance of matters relating to public health.

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